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MEMORANDUM FOR: Project Contracting Officer

16 December 1955

SUBJECT : Contract Requirements

REFERENCE : Memorandum for [REDACTED], dated 6 December 1955, 25X1A  
from Project Materiel Officer, subject as above.  
(TS 142926)

1. You will remember that I discussed [REDACTED] recommenda- 25X1A  
tions with you prior to the latest suppliers' meeting.

2. In general, it appears to me that his recommendations 1, 2 and 4  
with respect to procurement by Ramo-Wooldridge are sound and should be acted  
upon. I share his concern about any attempt to procure as GFE a variety of  
electronic components of a highly specialized nature.

3. His recommendation 3 with respect to Ramo-Wooldridge is to the  
effect that the contractor should build a trailer for pre-flight testing. I  
suggest that you explore with the contractor the desirability of this solution  
as compared with the type of solution that has been adopted by Hycon, which  
will provide rather compact pre-flight test equipment which will be installed  
in shop space at a base. After a determination as to the approach to be used  
the contractor should be invited to submit a proposal covering all specialized  
ground handling and pre-flight test equipment.

4. [REDACTED] two recommendations with respect to Lockheed  
have, I think been disposed of in the course of our suppliers' meeting. With  
respect to the first, Kelly Johnson has recommended and we have agreed, that  
the [REDACTED] should be asked to furnish 25X1A  
[REDACTED] mechanic per Detachment and [REDACTED] engineer to the Project as a whole who  
would take the responsibility for the maintenance of the Auto-Pilot. It may  
be that one engineer serving on rotation at the several bases will be sufficient  
without [REDACTED] mechanic. With respect to the second Lockheed recommendation,  
Kelly Johnson is proceeding to arrange for the training of Lockheed personnel  
on the MA-1 and MA-2 starters. 25X1A

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cc: Project Materiel Offr.

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